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The number of people holding multiple jobs rose to 959,000 in the June quarter 2023, an increase of 7.0 per cent over the past year, according to Labour Account figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

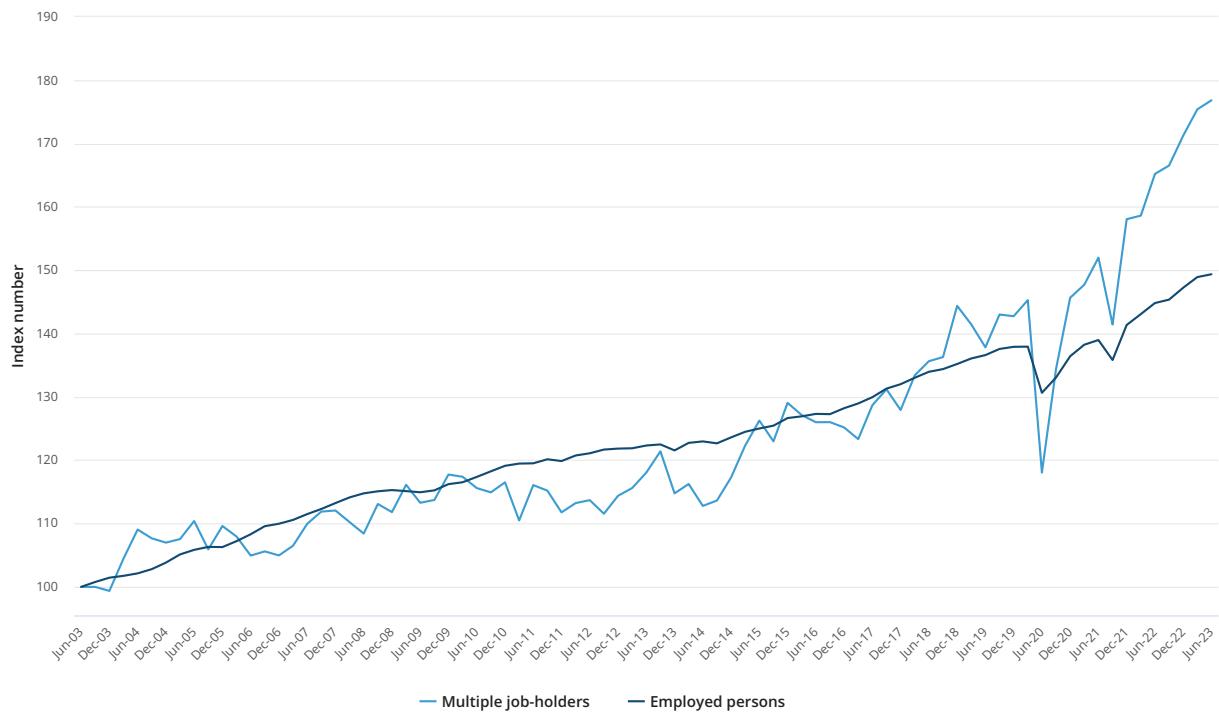
Bjorn Jarvis, ABS head of labour statistics, said: "Growth in multiple job-holders continued to outpace increases in overall employment, with the number of secondary jobs rising by 0.2 per cent and main jobs up by 0.8 per cent. As a result, the rate of multiple job-holding climbed to a new high of 6.7 per cent in the June quarter 2023."

"Over the 25 years before the COVID-19 pandemic, the rate of multiple job-holding had usually been between 5 and 6 per cent. It has generally been increasing over the past two years and has now been 6.3 per cent or higher for the past seven quarters."

"This means that around one in 15 people had more than one job in the June quarter 2023, compared to one in 18 people 20 years ago."

"Looking over the past 20 years, there are around 50 per cent more employed people than there were in June quarter 2003, but close to 80 per cent more multiple job-holders."

Multiple job-holders and employed persons, indexed to June quarter 2003



Women and younger workers more likely to hold multiple jobs

In the June quarter 2023, 7.6 per cent of women held more than one job compared to 5.7 per cent of men.

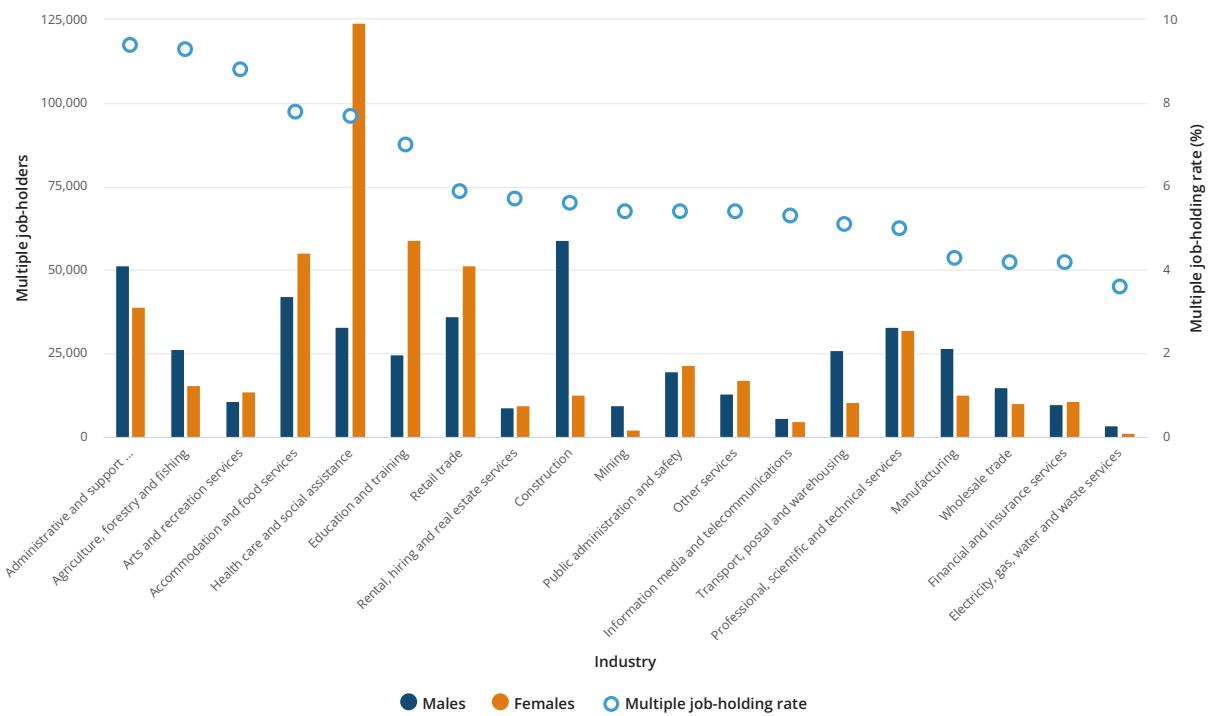
"Over the past five years, the multiple job-holding rate for women has been, on average, about 1.9 percentage points higher than for men," Mr Jarvis said.

"The Health care and social assistance industry had the highest overall number of people

holding more than one job (157,200 people), around 78.9 per cent of whom were women. This broadly reflects the gender distribution of employed people in this industry, with Labour Force data showing that 76.5 per cent are women."

The rate of multiple job-holding was highest in the Administrative and support services industry (9.4 per cent), followed by Agriculture, forestry and fishing (9.3 per cent), and Arts and recreation services (8.8 per cent). It was lowest in the Electricity, gas, water and waste services industry (3.6 per cent).

Levels and rates of multiple job-holding, by sex, by industry



Younger workers were also more likely to hold multiple jobs, including 8.0 per cent of 15-19 year olds and 8.2 per cent of 20-24 year olds. Many of the industries with higher rates of multiple job-holding are also where younger workers more commonly work.

Job vacancies

Despite the recent increase in filled jobs, which rose by 0.8 per cent over the quarter, job vacancies remained much higher than before the pandemic. They fell by 3.0 per cent in the June quarter 2023, the third straight fall, but remained 87.4 per cent above March quarter

2020.

Around 2.7 per cent of total jobs were vacant in the June quarter, which was down from the record high of 3.2 per cent in September quarter 2022, but still well above the 1.6 per cent in March quarter 2020.

Job vacancies declined in nine of the 19 industries, with the largest drop seen in Retail trade, down 5,600 vacancies. These falls were partially offset by increases in the remaining 10 industries, with the largest increase in job vacancies seen in Education and training, up 2,300 vacancies.

Hours worked

Hours worked increased by 2.5 per cent in the June quarter, up 5.8 per cent from the same time last year. Some of this strength in the quarter reflected fewer people than usual working reduced hours over the Easter holiday period in April.

Hours worked increased in 16 out of the 19 industries in the June quarter 2023, with the largest increase in Arts and recreation services, up 9.3 per cent. The largest decline was in Administrative and support services, which fell 4.5 per cent.

Media notes

- The Australian Labour Account complements other ABS measures to build a more comprehensive picture of the labour market. Labour Account provides the number of filled jobs at a point-in-time each quarter, while the annual Jobs in Australia provides insights into all jobs held throughout the year, and Labour Force Survey measures the number of people employed each month.
- The additional insights on multiple job-holders come from the new multi-source [Multiple job-holders release](/statistics/labour/jobs/multiple-job-holders/latest-release), which is now published on the same day as the quarterly Labour Account. The release combines data from a number of complementary labour sources to offer valuable additional detail into characteristics of multiple job-holders.
- To learn more about our different labour measures, their purpose and how to use them, see our [Guide to labour statistics](/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics). It provides summary information on labour market topics including [employment by industry](/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/industry-employment-guide).
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